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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE PRESS COVERAGE OF OWEN VISIT

1. VISIT OF BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY DAVID OWEN RECEIVED LIGHT FRONT PAGE COVERAGE IN MOZAMBIQUE PRESS APRIL 13. NOTICIAS REPORTED THAT OWEN MET WITH PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL AND FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO DURING HIS SEVEN HOUR STAY IN MAPUTO.

2. SPEAKING TO JOURNALIST BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR SOUTH AFRICA, OWEN SAID THAT THE PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT WAS TO ESTABLISH THE BASIS FOR A PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE IN ZIMBABWE IN 1978. "WE WANT A PLATFORM FROM WHICH TO WORK. IF THIS CANNOT BE ACHIEVED, THOSE WHO SUPPORT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION WILL BE FORCED TO ACCEPT THE ALTERNATIVE OF THE ARMED STRUGGLE." OWEN ALSO TOLD JOURNALIST THAT

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--HIS TALKS WITH PRESIDENT MACHEL WERE "EXTREMELY USEFUL";

--THE ANGLO-AMERICAN POSITION ON RHODESIA IS CLEAR: "WE WANT A STABLE ZIMBABWE";

--HE DID NOT THINK THAT BISHOP MUZOREWA WAS PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE WITH SMITH BECAUSE HE KNEW SMITH WAS NOT PREPARED TO TRANSFER POWER TO THE AFRICAN MAJORITY FOLLOWING

A REFERENDUM; AND,  
--ALL THE "INTERESTED PARTIES" IN THE RHODESIAN  
CONFLICT MUST BE HEARD AND CONSULTED IN THE ATTEMPT TO BRING  
ABOUT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION.DE PREE

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